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1. FEB 24 HALIFA "CHRONICLE-HERALD" CARRIES ARTICLES ABOUT TRUDEAU VISIT ON PAGES 1,2,6,8,11,16 AND 46. THEME OF PRIDE IN TRUDEAU S VERY EFFECTIVE SPEECH BEFORE CONGRESS, PLEASURE IN THE CORDIAL RELATIONS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LEADERS OF CANADA AND U S AND SATISFACTION THAT BILATERAL ISSUES SEEM WELL ON THE WAY TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION RUN THROUGH THE REPORTS.

2. PAPER CARRIES TWO EDITORIALS ON VISIT, ONE ENTITLED "CONVINCING PERFORMANCE" AND THE OTHER, BY EDITOR IN CHIEF SHEA, ENTITLED "P M STANDS ON OWN FEET". FIRST EDITORIAL COMPARES TRUDEAU ADDRESS TO LEVESQUE S NEW YORK SPEECH AND CREDITS TRUDEAU WITH A MUCH MORE CONVINCING PRESENTATION BEFORE THE AMERICAN (AND CANADIAN) AUDIENCES. EDITORIAL CALLS UPON PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET TO OFFER UNITED PLAN TO HOLD CANADA TOGETHER AND TO MOBILIZE CANADIANS EAGER TO JOIN IN NON-PARTISAN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITHIN CONFEDERATION. SHEA S EDITORIAL GIVES TRUDEAU TOP MARKS FOR HIS PERFORMANCE  
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SAYING PRIME MINISTER HAS MUCH IMPROVED HIS POSITION IN U S AND CANADA AND HAS GREATLY HELPED PRO-CONFEDERATION FORCES. SHEA EXPRESSES STRONG HOPE THAT VISIT WILL PROVE ONE OF THE MOST PROFITABLE MADE BY A CANADIAN STATESMAN IN HELPING TO EASE CANADIAN-U S RELATIONS. CARTER S ACTION IN INVITING LEADERS OF MEXICO AND CANADA TO WASHINGTON AT BEGINNING OF HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION IS

PRAISED BY SHEA AS "EXTENDING AMERICA S HAND IN WELCOME"  
TO ITS NEAREST NEIGHBORS.

3. PAPER CARRIES FULL TEXT OF TRUDEAU SPEECH BEFORE  
CONGRESS AND AN ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE, "SENATORS PRAISE  
TRUDEAU ADDRESS". PAPER ALSO CARRIES SUMMARIES OF VERY  
FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT ON TRUDEAU SPEECH FROM  
NEWSPAPERS IN TORONTO, VANCOUVER AND MONTREAL.

4. COMMENT: WASHINGTON VISIT IS NOW BEING TREATED  
AS AN ENORMOUS POLITICAL SUCCESS FOR THE PRIME  
MINISTER WHOSE POPULARITY AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY HAD  
RECENTLY BEEN UNDER SERIOUS QUESTIONING. TRUDEAU S  
PROBLEM WILL BE HOW TO CAPITALIZE ON THE SUCCESS.

5. CLIPPINGS BEING POUCHED TO DEPT (EUR:CAN) AND  
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